



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Wednesday Devotional Time

December 2, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Officiant: Father Tony Holder, Rector

Mission Statement:

The Community of All Saints' accepts the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship of God, service to His people and stewardship of His gifts.

*The people are invited to read the parts in **bold**.*

Prelude Music “Advent Hymn” - Charles Wesley/Christy Nockels/arr. Joseph M. Martin SATB Choir

Opening Prayer

The Officiant begins with the following words:

Officiant: No one is far from you, O God. We come together in joy – mindful of the burdens we carry, the hurts and sorrows we have. We come together in gladness – never forgetting God’s love. We come together with praise – for each other and those who assist us on this journey. No one is far from you O God and we call upon your power in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Officiant: O God, you are the hope of all who suffer. Your son Jesus touched the sick, shared the sorrows of those who mourn, and consoled all who longed for healing of any kind. Give us the strength to do the same.

People: **Amen.**

Psalm 77

(Page 693 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by half verse.)

- 1 I will cry aloud to God; * **I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.**
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; * **my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.**
- 3 I think of God, I am restless, * **I ponder, and my spirit faints.**
- 4 You will not let my eyelids close; * **I am troubled and I cannot speak.**
- 5 I consider the days of old; * **I remember the years long past;**
- 6 I commune with my heart in the night; * **I ponder and search my mind.**
- 7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? * **will he no more show his favor?**
- 8 Has his loving-kindness come to an end for ever? * **has his promise failed for evermore?**
- 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? * **has he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?**

10 And I said, "My grief is this: * **the right hand of the Most High has lost its power.**"
 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, * **and call to mind your wonders of old time.**
 12 I will meditate on all your acts * **and ponder your mighty deeds.**
 13 Your way, O God, is holy; * **who is so great a god as our God?**
 14 You are the God who works wonders * **and have declared your power among the peoples.**
 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, * **the children of Jacob and Joseph.**
 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; * **the very depths were shaken.**
 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; * **your arrows flashed to and fro;**
 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; * **the earth trembled
and shook.**
 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, * **yet your footsteps were not seen.**
 20 You led your people like a flock * **by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

Scriptural Reading: Romans 12.1-8

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

The Rector

Musical Selection:

"Christ the Lord"

Sarah Hart and Robert Feduccia

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

The confession is followed by silence and these or other words of absolution.

People: **O Father, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.**

Silence

The Officiant says the following Absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Intercessory Prayers

The musical selection - "Wait for the Lord" - Taizé is played during the prayers.

Officiant: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all those here and around the world who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes. God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Holy God, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, And bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this community, and the world. God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Mighty God, grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence. God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Holy One, bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Almighty God, giver of life and health: send your blessing on all who are sick, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ. God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

[Spontaneously name those for whom we wish to intercede now in particular.]

Other petitions may be offered.

God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Officiant: Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed, And those whom we remember before you..... Heal the pain of all who grieve. God of mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Officiant concludes the prayers.

Officiant: O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sung by Tamela Mann Choir

The Blessing and Dismissal

The officiant may say

Loving God, make us strong enough to enter the vulnerability of the sick and dying. Help us to be a light of strength in their suffering, a hope of redemption, and a consoling presence as we accompany them on their journey.

And the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

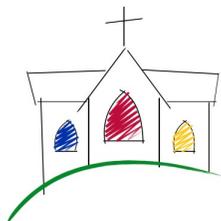
Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection:

"Come Jesus, Prince of Peace"

Diane Hannibal and Brad Nix



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